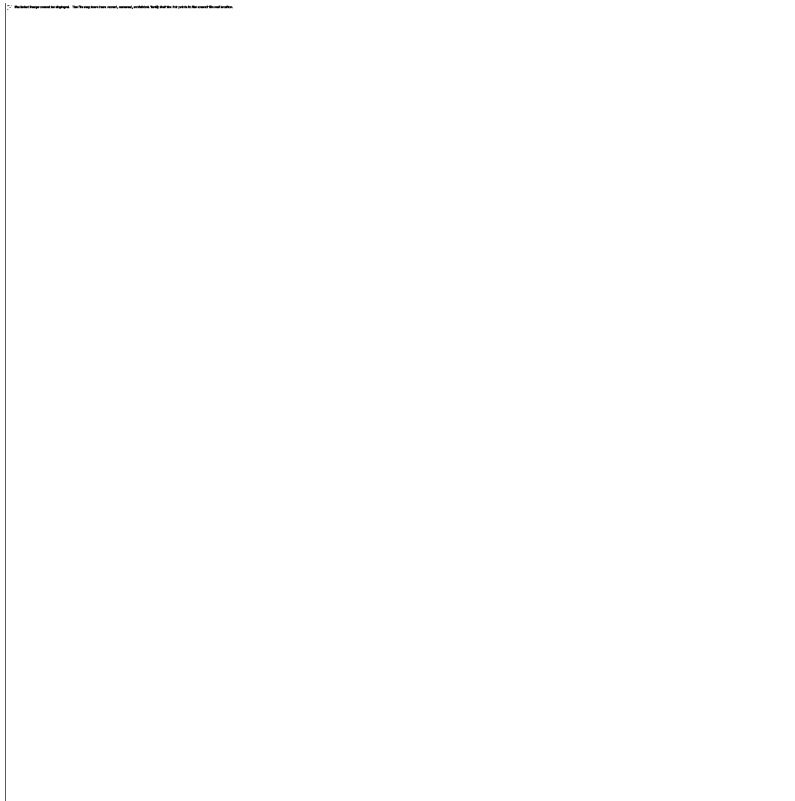
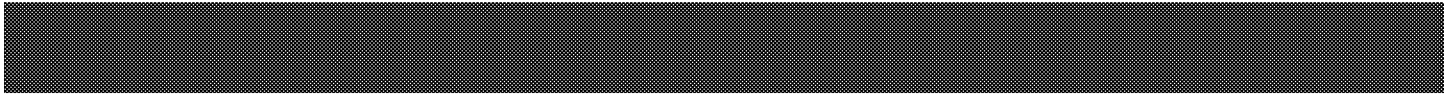


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Subject: Morning Consult Energy, Presented by Wells Fargo: Filing Confirms Lobbyist Linked to Pruitt's Rental Condo Contacted EPA on Behalf of Client



By Jacqueline Toth

Top Stories

- A disclosure filed by Williams & Jensen confirmed that J. Steven Hart had contacted the Environmental Protection Agency on behalf of Smithfield Foods in the first three months of this year, contradicting Hart's previous assertions that he had not lobbied Administrator Scott Pruitt's agency last year while Hart's wife was renting to Pruitt a \$50-per-night condo or since the rental agreement ended. Additionally, Hart said he would step down as

chairman of the lobbying firm, citing recent publicity from the condo rental. ([The Hill](#))

- Two EPA officials who have joined Pruitt at the agency were involved in Pruitt's acquisition of a house close to the Oklahoma City Capitol, according to records. The shell company that held the property was registered to Kenneth Wagner, a business partner of Pruitt's who is now an EPA appointee, while the mortgage was issued by Albert Kelly, a top aide running the agency's Superfund program who has been barred from work in the financial industry due to an undisclosed banking violation. ([The New York Times](#))
- Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said he would pay the \$4.5 million needed to cover the United States' commitment to the Paris climate accord, after President Donald Trump started a process last year to remove the country from the pact. Bloomberg charity, Bloomberg Philanthropies, said it will continue to contribute funding to the agreement if the United States does not rejoin the accord. ([Reuters](#))

Chart Review

Fuel cell power plants are used in diverse ways across the United States

U.S. Energy Information Administration

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

MONDAY

Smart Electric Power Alliance Utility Conference 7 a.m.

TUESDAY

Smart Electric Power Alliance Utility Conference 6 a.m.

American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers Security Conference	7 a.m.
Solar & Storage Finance & Investment Texas program on energy	8 a.m.
Bipartisan Policy Center discussion on how federal policies and local infrastructure can respond to natural disasters	10 a.m.
Senate Energy and Natural Resources hearing on the U.S. Forest Service FY2019 budget request	10 a.m.
Wilson Center book launch on pricing carbon	3 p.m.
SAIS event on investing in resilient infrastructure	5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Smart Electric Power Alliance Utility Conference	6 a.m.
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers Security Conference	7 a.m.
Solar & Storage Finance & Investment Texas program on energy	8 a.m.
SAIS Energy, Resources and Environment Program event on the life cycle land footprint of energy infrastructure	12:30 p.m.
Senate Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee hearing on Nuclear Regulatory Commission FY2019 budget	2 p.m.
House Natural Resources hearing on the weaponization of the National Environmental Policy Act	2 p.m.
Bloomberg Government and the Norwegian-American Chamber of Commerce event on sustainable investments	3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Center for Energy Science and Policy energy symposium on the energy-water nexus	8:30 a.m.
House Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee hearing on the importance of offshore energy revenue sharing in the Gulf	10 a.m.
House Environment Subcommittee hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency FY2019 budget	10 a.m.
United States Energy Association event on the Plains CO2 Reduction Partnership	10 a.m.
Daniel Morgan Graduate School of National Security event on the geopolitics of energy and Saudi Aramco's IPO	12 p.m.
Information Technology & Innovation Foundation event on grid-scale energy storage	1:30 p.m.
House Appropriations Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on FY2019 EPA budget	2 p.m.
Center for a New American Security event on geopolitical risks and opportunities in the low oil price era	2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Women's Council on Energy and the Environment overview of wholesale electricity pricing	12 p.m.
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General

Pruitt met with lobbyist whose wife rented him condo **Luis Sanchez, The Hill**

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt met with the lobbyist whose wife rented him a \$50-a-night condo in Washington, D.C.

Scott Pruitt Before the E.P.A.: Fancy Homes, a Shell Company and Friends With Money **Steve Eder et al., The New York Times**

Early in Scott Pruitt's political career, as a state senator from Tulsa, he attended a gathering at the Oklahoma City home of an influential telecommunications lobbyist who was nearing retirement and about to move away.

EPA chief recorded a single, one-hour meeting on day 1 of Morocco trip **Stephanie Ebbs, ABC News**

The Environmental Protection Agency has released new details about Administrator Scott Pruitt's schedule in Morocco last year that show he was scheduled for only one meeting on the first day of the costly trip.

Trump in Earth Day message notes need for 'market-driven economy' to protect environment **Max Greenwood, The Hill**

President Trump marked Earth Day on Sunday by renewing his vow to undo "unnecessary and harmful regulations," and insisting that a "market-driven economy is essential to protecting" the environment.

EPA staff see hurdles in Pruitt science revamp, internal emails show **Valerie Volcovici, Reuters**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials are concerned that companies may be required to publicly disclose confidential data used in crafting government regulations, under an initiative by the agency's chief to eliminate "secret science," internal emails showed.

Top Interior official key to delaying protection for an endangered species

Miranda Green, The Hill

A top Interior Department employee with ties to the energy industry took credit for delaying the endangered species designation for a species of mussel, internal emails between the official and an industry trade group show.

'A factory of bad ideas': How Scott Pruitt undermined his mission at EPA

Juliet Eilperin et al., The Washington Post

The April 9 gathering in the Oval Office was supposed to be about ethanol policy. But the meeting had barely gotten underway when President Trump turned his attention to Scott Pruitt's "rough week."

Oil dips as rising U.S. yields steer bulls

Amanda Cooper, Reuters

Oil eased on Monday on rising U.S. borrowing costs and the prospect of further output rises after another increase in the weekly rig count, although the overall picture for crude remained bullish.

Oil and Natural Gas

Thousands of cleanup workers that claim BP oil spill made them sick haven't had day in court

David Hammer, USA Today

In the sea of fines, fees and compensation BP has paid to individuals, businesses, governments and lawyers for its 2010 oil spill, one group of claimants stands out for missing out on the billions.

N.J. bans drilling in state waters

David Iaconangelo, E&E News

New Jersey's governor signed a ban on offshore oil and gas exploration in state waters Friday, in a rebuke of the Trump administration's proposed expansion of drilling leases.

Utilities and Infrastructure

U.S. Coal Bailout Review Slows After Trump Faces Pushback
Ari Natter et al., Bloomberg

A bankrupt power generator's plea for President Donald Trump to help saving money-losing power plants has drawn opposition from key administration officials, slowing action on the proposal, according to two people familiar with the deliberations.

CenterPoint Energy to buy Vectren in \$6 bln deal
John Benny, Reuters

U.S. gas and electric utility CenterPoint Energy said on Monday it would buy rival Vectren Corp in a deal valued at about \$6 billion.

Perched on a platform high in a tree, a 61-year-old woman fights a gas pipeline
Gregory S. Schneider, The Washington Post

When the trees started coming down, Theresa "Red" Terry went up.

Renewables

Ferrari Quietly-Very Quietly-Tests Electric Car
Tommaso Ebhardt, Bloomberg

Two years ago, Sergio Marchionne dubbed the notion of a Ferrari that can run without the aggressive growl of its 12-cylinder engines "obscene." Today, it's a reality.

How Windmills as Wide as Jumbo Jets Are Making Clean Energy Mainstream
Stanley Reed et al., The New York Times

At the northern end of Denmark's Jutland peninsula, the wind blows so hard that rows of trees grow in one direction, like gnarled flags.

Electric Scooters Are Causing Havoc. This Man Is Shrugging It Off.
Nellie Bowles et al., The New York Times

Travis VanderZanden, the chief executive of electric scooter company Bird Rides, surveyed the new indoor park at his office one morning this week.

100% renewables - gimmick or game changer?

Christa Marshall, E&E News

Are company claims about 100 percent renewables wrong?

Coal

With court battles on coal ash raging, Virginia Attorney

General Mark Herring stays on sidelines so far

Robert Zullo, Richmond Times-Dispatch

Before he filed it last month, Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh invited other states' attorneys general to sign on to an amicus brief urging a federal appeals court to uphold a ruling that coal ash pollution moving from unlined pits at a Tennessee power plant into the Cumberland River violates the federal Clean Water Act.

Nuclear

DOE's Walker: National security assessment broader than grid reliability

Gavin Bade, Utility Dive

The Department of Energy's assessment of a national security threat goes beyond grid reliability assessments from the federal government and regional grid operators, DOE Assistant Secretary Bruce Walker told Utility Dive Friday.

Climate

Michael Bloomberg to write \$4.5 million check for Paris climate pact

Yasmeen Abutaleb, Reuters

Former New York mayor and billionaire Michael Bloomberg said on Sunday he will write a \$4.5 million check to cover this year's U.S. financial commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement.

The Latest Climate Threat for Coastal Cities: More Rich People
Christopher Flavelle, Bloomberg

When Hurricane Irma reached Florida's Big Pine Key in September, it caused the floor of Terry and Sharon Baron's cream-colored mobile home to collapse.

Overseer Faults Volkswagen's Reform Efforts Since Emissions Scandal

Jack Ewing, The New York Times

Volkswagen's attempt to remake its company culture and become more law abiding has received poor grades from the former United States prosecutor who is enforcing the carmaker's compliance with a deal that settled emissions cheating charges.

Antarctic Glaciers Are Helping Drive Their Own Melt **Chelsea Harvey, E&E News**

Glaciers in Antarctica are melting from the bottom up as warm ocean water seeps underneath the ice. It's now the dominant driver of ice loss across most of the continent.

A Message from Wells Fargo:

Wells Fargo: Committed to the environment

How can a bank help the world transition to a lower-carbon economy? By setting goals and meeting them. Last year, Wells Fargo began meeting 100% of its global electricity needs with renewable energy. We remain committed to protecting the environment and leading by action through our businesses, our operations and our philanthropy. [Learn more.](#)

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Incentives Working to Spur Land Conservation **Drew Troyer, Morning Consult**

The United States loses about 6,000 acres of open space every day to development. Land that previously served agricultural or ecological balance purposes is bought up and converted into new homes or shopping centers.

How Do You Celebrate Earth Day When Scott Pruitt Is Still at the E.P.A.? **Elizabeth Kolbert, The New Yorker**

Today is Earth Day, and, to mark the occasion, thousands of Americans will flock to parks, beaches, and hiking trails. Others will stay home, monitoring their Twitter feeds for the latest Scott Pruitt scandal.

Is it finally Scott Pruitt's time to go?

Jennifer Rubin, The Washington Post

Even casual political-watchers know that Friday is the customary day for dropping bad news and dumping senior officials. No senior official is more deserving of being dumped than Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt.

The energy revolution has already begun

David Von Drehle, The Washington Post

Between the science-denying trolls who say climate change is a hoax and the we're-all-doomed Cassandras who picture the last human remnant escaping to Mars, there is an exciting frontier.

OPEC Can Live With Tweets So Long as Venezuela Gets Worse

Liam Denning, Bloomberg

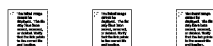
What explains President Donald Trump's Friday-morning focus on restrictive commodity agreements? Your guess is as good as mine.

Research Reports

Stakeholders' and Officials' Views on Federal Odorizing Requirements

U.S. Government Accountability Office

While federal odorization requirements follow a risk-based approach by focusing on pipelines in populated areas, the officials and stakeholders GAO contacted disagreed on the need to modify these requirements for some pipelines.



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